

\$20,000 DAMAGES

Wanted by G. W. Dingman from the Wabash

INJURED LAST AUGUST

When Struck by a Train at Niantic—
Johns and Housum the Attorneys—A Divorce Suits Filed.

A \$20,000 damage suit against the Wabash railroad was started today in the circuit court. Johns and Housum, attorneys for the plaintiff, filed in the office of the circuit clerk the process in the case of George W. Dingman vs. the Wabash. The declaration will be filed in a few days.

Dingman, it will be remembered, met with an accident last August near Niantic. He was with another man and while crossing the Wabash tracks was struck by a passing train. Both men escaped being killed but it is now claimed that Dingman sustained injuries which will be permanent and his attorneys have brought suit to recover damages from the railroad.

DIVORCES.
Through her attorney, S. S. Clapper, Josephine L. Corrie filed today in the office of the circuit clerk a bill asking for a divorce from her husband, William D. Corrie.

The divorce suit of Richard E. Travis vs. Rachel Travis has also been filed by Attorney J. M. Gray. Infidelity is charged against the defendant.

Mills Bros. have begun a divorce suit for Zeffie Clark Dillow, who sues a divorce from her husband, Amos M. Dillow, charging that her husband has a violent temper and is guilty of using obscene and abusive language.

WAITING ORDERS

Command to Halt Sent the Iowa and Oregon at Callao.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Orders have been cabled to Captain Barker, the senior officer in command of the battleships Oregon and Iowa, and the supply ship accompanying them, now at Callao, Peru, to remain there until January 1. It appears that the vessels never had orders to proceed either to Manila or Honolulu, though it was the intention of the navy department when they started from New York to make Manila their destination. It was not possible, however, to order them there without committing a breach of the spirit of the agreement between the United States and Spain under the terms of the peace protocol. Therefore it was understood that the vessels were to proceed to Honolulu, there to receive orders to go to Manila. But the orders given to Captain Barker left it open to the navy department to make any changes in the original plan they might deem desirable. It is probable the occasion for such a change has now arrived, for it is believed that there is not now the same necessity for the presence of such a powerful fleet of ships away from home sections.

RELIGIOUS.

First General Conference of Lutheran Representatives.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 27.—A general conference of the Lutherans, the first of the kind ever held in this country, delegates representing the general council, the general synod and the united synod of the south, began here today. It will continue until Thursday afternoon. The three bodies represented have an aggregate membership of 600,000 in 4000 congregations, with 3000 ministers. While it is not announced that an effort will be made to unite the three great synods of the Lutheran church, the object of the conference is to prepare the way for a better understanding and a more harmonious co-operation among all Lutherans in the United States.

THE BOTKIN CASE.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 27.—The taking of testimony in rebuttal in the Botkin case began today. Mrs. Maggie Smith, an employe at the Victoria hotel, where Mrs. Botkin lived at the time the candy was sent to Mrs. Dunning, stated positively that Dr. Tyrrell did not visit Mrs. Botkin on Sunday afternoon, July 31; that he visited his patient on Monday. Dr. Tyrrell was called and testified that he was sure the visit was on Sunday.

Instructors at Springfield.
Superintendent E. A. Gastman.
Principal Frank Hamsher, Mrs. Vir-

N. Hostetler of the board of education and several of the teachers of the public schools of the city left this afternoon for Springfield to be present at the opening session of the Illinois State Teachers' association, which convenes this evening at 8 o'clock at the capitol building. The address of welcome will be made by Governor John R. Tanner. President J. H. Collins, superintendent of the public schools of Springfield, will make an address and there will be a talk on "Education" by Bishop John L. Spalding of the Peoria diocese. Committees will be appointed. Music will be furnished by the Girls' chorus.

THE CUBAN JAIL.

HAVANA, Dec. 27.—The city jail was delivered to the Americans on Saturday.

The transport Mobile has arrived from Savannah with two battalions of the 1st Texas and 2d Louisiana.

BRYAN IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Democratic congressmen from Illinois, several prominent state and local Democratic leaders and Col. W. J. Bryan held a protracted conference here today. Colonel Bryan leaves for Nebraska tonight.

GONE TO THE WALL.

ABELINE, KANSAS, Dec. 27.—Word has reached here that Cullin Bros., extensive stock feeders of Milwaukie, have failed with liabilities at \$300,000 to \$500,000. Their bank closed on Saturday. They have been feeding 25,000 head of cattle and are said to have lost heavily.

PERSONAL.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ingham, of Warrensburg, were in the city today.

—Mrs. I. G. Cooke, of Maroa, was in the city.

—Mrs. Zorilda Moore went to Mt. Pulaski today on business.

—L. N. Martin, Jr., of Peoria, is in the city visiting his father, L. N. Martin, Sr., and family.

—J. H. Rowland has returned from a trip of several days which included Port Scott, Kansas, and Port Arthur, Texas.

A case of scarlet fever was reported in the home of Officer and Mrs. Henry Kossick, at 827 East Lawrence street, today.

There is a case of scarletina in the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carrell, of 737 West Wood street.

—Mrs. S. D. McKimney of North College street is entertaining a lady friend from Joliet.

—Miss Carrie Stuart, who is teaching in the public schools at Dixon, Ill., together with her sister, Miss Emma Stuart and the Misses Anna and Fannie Boyer, were the guests of Decatur friends today.

—J. B. Morris of Niantic was in the city on business today.

—R. T. Miles, student at the Champaign university, who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. M. D. Pollock, has returned home.

—The two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kuny of East Clay street is ill of pneumonia.

—Mrs. Will L. Smith has returned from Panama, where she spent Christmas with her parents.

—W. W. Wallits of Fredericktown, Ohio, is the guest of J. H. Park of Haristown.

PEAKE & SONS' ONE-HALF OFF SALE!

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Remarkable Slaughter Sale of our entire stock of WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, at JUST ONE HALF OFF.

A \$4.00 Oak Clock for \$2.00. Plenty of goods on hand of the very choicest.

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This stock must be cleaned out this week. If you want a watch or clock, or piece of silverware or jewelry, you can get it at just one-half off—this week only.

Don't fail to attend this sale.

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Marriage Licenses.

Charles A. Crist, Weldon, Iowa, 23.
Nellie G. Rankin, Monticello, 19.

William H. Furrar, Jr., Maroa township, 19.

Ida M. Lane, Maroa township, 20.

Fred A. Wicklein, Walker Station, 25.

Mabel A. Brookshire, Walker Station, 19.

Charles Grover, Friends Creek, 25.

Emma Trammel, Friends Creek, 25.

Sherman Moore.

Sherman Moore, the colored boy who was arrested for stealing Arthur Dumont's wheel, was brought before Justice Hardy this afternoon for trial.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets.
All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

WOMEN WHO HUNT.

Modern Dianas Are Numerous in the Maine Woods.

Accompanied by Professional Guides the Fair Disciples of Nimrod Go Forth to Slay.

Though women have been hunting in the state each fall with good success for the last ten years, women have not before this ventured in unless with male escort. These women who are stepping up beyond the Deaconsneag "dead water" are some very self-reliant women from Massachusetts. They work in some of the stores in a populous city, and, being spinsters, decided to paddle their own canoe this season. One or two reliable guides accompanied them, and, according to all reports, they are doing extremely well. One of them vouchsafed the information to a passing sportsman that they were doing "a blessed sight better than if they had half a dozen men tagging them around to see that they didn't wet their feet or blow their heads off with their rifles."

"But," remarks old Jed Hawkes, "there won't be any spruce gum left in that neighborhood. Lord, how those women are yanking. They say they have chewed a great deal of gum in their lives, but that they never knew what the clear gum was till they came down here into the state of Maine. While they're about it they are going to take back all they can dig, buy or beg to the city. Even the tall trees can't hide their big lumps away from these women. Three of them wear bloomers and have lots of muscle and they kin climb anything that comes along, from trees to catamounts. Those women are safe enough."

It is said that half the parties that went into the Mooshead region last fall had women as members.

You see, the women have for so many years heard their male friends tell of the celestial delights of hunting in the big Maine woods that their feminine curiosity has been excited and there has been a veritable clamor to be allowed to go in. Once in awhile there is one woman who finds the trip enough to last her for a lifetime. The fun isn't at all as she has expected it would be. The woods may be good enough for the men, but as for her, she prefers the boulevard and the shopping district.

Then there are other women who meet the most ferocious weather the Maine woods have to furnish; who are drenched every other day to the skin and who get dumped out of a canoe two or three times just by the way of variety.

These women go home and tell all the folks that they have had just the most lovely time and that they are all impatient for the year to roll around, so that they may go again. These are the kind of heroines that can extract fun from every mishap. They are the only kind that should tackle the dubious pleasures of the Maine woods. For that class—and it is an extensive one—that enjoys roughing it, there is no enjoyment in all the world like the autumn forest. But the person who goes in for the first time without proper conception of the nature of the fun will be supremely miserable himself, or herself, and will make all the folks around more miserable still.

The women haven't commenced to go into the Arcostock and the Pamadumcook wilderness yet to any great extent. Last year several parties went in from Staceyville to the vicinity of old Katahdin and remained several weeks until the snow came. The women were of the right sort to stand all the adversities, though they were from the city and said that they had the best time of their lives.

And the ladies have had pretty good luck up that way in the shooting line. One Lynn doctor has been coming down into Maine every fall for years after a moose.

He has been able to shoot deer enough. But deer have got to be too small game for him. Last season he brought down his niece to see him get the prize, for he felt sure that at last his patience was to be rewarded.

One day while they were coming down Black Stream the niece, who was a little way ahead in a canoe with one of the guides, saw a moose standing near the water's edge. The animal was side on and presented a splendid mark. Up went the little rifle, and though the hand of the maiden trembled convulsively good fate sped the ball true and the moose fell dead with a bullet through his heart.

That night the uncle figured up that he had spent over \$1,000 in chasing after a moose through the Maine forest—and still lacked the moose. Here was his 19-year-old niece down for the week, and let her almost had a moose brought to her. The uncle disgustfully decided that hunting was about all luck, anyway.

There is one thing to say about the women who have been coming to Maine woods for the last ten years. Not one has yet shot one of the guides for a bear or her husband for a deer. The woodsmen say that when the women are out hunting they are very cautious, with all a woman's inherent fear that something will happen, and that no matter how unskilled the woman may be in the use of firearms they, the guides, are never apprehensive of accidents. It is the impetuous veteran who blows off his own or some one else's head.—Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

Dr. Sweeney Tonight.

Dr. Sweeney, one of the most distinguished ministers of the Christian church, will give his lecture in the entertainment course at the tabernacle tonight. He will arrive at 7 o'clock this evening and will dine with W. H. Suffer and family. Hear him tonight.

The suite of rooms 404, 405, 406 in the Powers building, which has been taken by Attorneys Leforgee & Leo and David Hutchinson, have been fitted up for the reception of the new firms which will move into them tomorrow. New libraries have been arranged together with private offices, etc. The walls have been newly wallpapered and the entire suite arranged in the most convenient and modern manner with hot and cold water, etc.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores.

Partition Sale.

Today Alexander McIntosh held a partition sale in the case of Richard J. Ellis vs. Mary E. Ellis et al. The property consisted of 40 acres in Whitland township and was sold to Richard Ellis at \$48.25 per acre.

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A 40 horse-power stationary steam engine, in good order. Also one boiler. Would take some horses. Call on or address J. B. EDMONDS, Room 3, Arcade Building, Decatur, Ill.

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List of Unclaimed Letters

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GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Alford, Andrew Haynes, J. W.
Baker, W. N. Heiner, Geo. F.
Briggs, L. Hill, Newman
Calderwood, R. (2) Humphrey, S. H.
Davidson, Cliff Lumpier, Henry
Eickson, James (2) Maxwell, W. H.
Erhonger, John W. Sanford, Frank
Fitzpatrick, Enoch Schroiver, Chas.
Goodman, W. Vanderhoof, C. J.
Grass, Joseph Williams, W. T.

LADIES' LIST.

Canady, Margaret Laize, Mrs. J. R.
Cason, Minnie Mason, Lola
Davis, Mrs. F. G. Nolan, Muggie
Hallack, Myrtle M. Rowan, Mrs. Ed.
Harrington, Ray Smithson, Blanche
Hartman, Etta

FIRMS.

Cook & Co., A. F.
Lowry & Lambam.
Plank & Co., J. W.
W. F. CALHOUN, P. M.

Shakespeare Reception.

The Shakespeare division of the Woman's club held the second of its informal "at homes" at the residence of Mrs. J. G. Badenhausen of East Eldorado street, this afternoon. The members of the division and their friends were the guests. The officers of the division, Mrs. Virgil N. Hostetler, Mrs. D. C. Corby, Miss Lillian Corman and Mrs. Badenhausen received.

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MAROA.

Miss Dossie Baste of Beatrice, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Spooner.

Misses Anna Lowe, Mattie St. and Maud Moon came Thursday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. W. T. McLean returned day evening from a visit in Decatur. Mrs. Berta Rainey and Chas. went to Weldon Saturday to a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mayall returned from Clinton Friday.

Mrs. Alva Brown left Friday for Cincinnati, Ohio, to spend the days.

Miss Jennie Rush is spending holidays at her home in Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones of came Friday for a visit with relatives. David Schenck and daughter returned today from a visit with relatives in Tuscola.

J. E. Albright and family ofington are visiting J. P. Be family.

Mrs. Frank Stroud and son E. visiting friends in Moweaqua.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert Christmas with relatives nearville, Ill.

Miss Clara Moyer of Dixon, Blanche Moyer of Marion, Ind. and Miss Anna Moyer of Decatur home to attend the Lamons wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Dill returned from a visit to Springfield.

At high noon Sunday, Decem. L. W. Lamons and Mrs. Druis Moyer were married at the home of the bride in this city by Elder Barnett of Sheldon. The bride was very prettily decorated with holly and holly leaves. The bridegroom wore a suit of dark blue and white. The ceremony was performed in the usual manner and after the simple ceremony they passed directly to the dining room, where they partook of a elaborate dinner. The bride is Marions finest young ladies prominent worker in the Presbyterian church. She has a host of friends. The groom is an energetic business man, having come to Maroa six months ago and is now owner of the firm of Lamons and Co., only the immediate relative present.

Miss Mattie Davis, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Nellie returned to her home at Kin Wednesday.

Miss Emma Miller of Clinton Tuesday to visit her grand Mrs. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ayda Monday for Ohio to spend the days.

Union services will be held at different churches during the prayer.

The Literary club will read Dickens' Christmas story, "Haunted Man," Christmas After the holidays they will the study of colonial history by Fisher. The following officers elected Monday night: Pres. Rev. Newcomer; vice president E. Mann; Secretary, Laura treasurer, May Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parker trained a small company Tuesday in honor of Miss Mattie Kimbundy. After supper the was spent in conversation, and music. Those present were Mrs. William Bosler, Mrs. John Marsh, Charlie Misses Emma Marsh, Nellie Mattie Davis and Laura Mayall.

Miss Marie Potter returned to her school duties in room after several weeks absence on of sickness.

Word came here Tuesday death of Mr. Ed Rasbach of a tion. Mr. Rasbach was the Mrs. Luke Craig of this city a Robinson Conn, who lives north here. Mr. and Mrs. Conn left Monday for Assumption.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Biddle into the Torbert property this January.

The Ladies' Minstrels will be by the W. R. C. in the near Mr. Allison, the new station arrived Tuesday.

The Crocker Elevator Co. is ing a double corn crib. Pot doing the work.

SANGAMON.

Christmas is past for '93.

Mr. Milos is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Ritchie and Harner went to Leroy Saturday to spend Christmas with Mrs. A.

Mrs. J. Sites, north of Sangam, all with pleurisy.

The revival conducted by Predmore at Oakley, closed last.

Mrs. Julia Costello spent mas with friends in Decatur.

There will be services at the Methodist church at Sangamon 3, 4 and 5, conducted by Rev. of Leroy. These will be the vices held in the new church. Yourself and bring your friends.

Mr. Milos spent Christmas with parents at Belmont.

Rev. Ritchie is holding a at the Church of God.

T. M. Koller is on the sick

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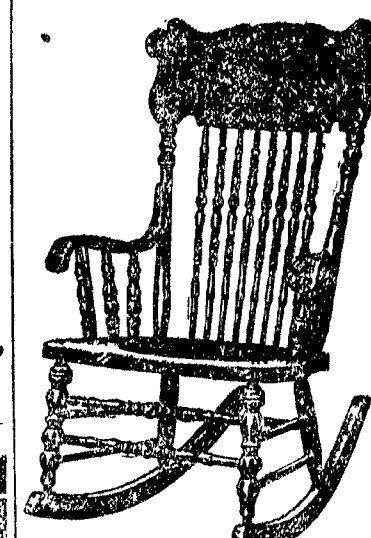
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SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

There are 300,000 Methodists in Ohio, 200,000 in Indiana and 200,000 in Missouri.

Since 1895 the Protestant Episcopal church in this country has added 92,000 members to its churches.

The poorer students at the university of Vienna have a mense academica, at which they can get dinner and supper for \$4.40 a month.

Abbot Pachomius, of the monastery of St. John at Jericho controls a steamboat on the river Jordan, which runs from that place to the south end of the Dead sea.

The public school fund paid to white teachers in North Carolina last year was \$451,574, and to negro teachers \$227,105. The average attendance of both races at school was 110,677 whites and 58,548 negroes.

Within the last three years the government of China has agreed that missionary societies, not only at the ports, but in the interior, may, without hindrance, rent or buy places for residences, chapels, hospitals, schools, etc. For over 300 years the use of bells has been forbidden to the Christian churches in the Holy Land. Since the dedication of the new church at Jerusalem there are three bells the right to use which is one of the minor concessions of the sultan to his friend, the kaiser.

Rev. Dr. Theodore N. Morrison, new bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Iowa, came to the Church of the Epiphany, Chicago, in 1876. The church was a small one with a heavy debt. Now the church property is worth over \$150,000, and the debt a small affair, which can easily be provided for.

It is stated that 800 Mormon missionaries are seeking proselytes in different parts of the United States. They are especially active in Maryland and West Virginia and in the mountain districts of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. There are also missionaries at work in all the countries of northern Europe.

The absence of a child from school in Switzerland, unless in case of illness, is punishable by a fine, the amount of which is daily increased. If it is suspected that the child's illness is shammed a doctor is sent by the school authorities, and when he is convinced that the suspicion is correct the parents have to pay his fee.

A woman will either believe everything she hears about her husband or nothing, and it depends on the weather.

Pleurisy

Pleurisy and pneumonia are acute inflammations of the lungs, and if not promptly allayed, the worst may happen. The celebrated Dr. John W. Bull's Cough Syrup speedily allays all inflammation of the lungs and effects a cure in a wonderfully short time.

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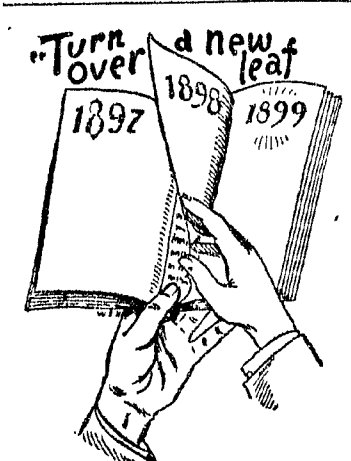
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Perhaps the field is overcrowded, perhaps disease is lessening daily, perhaps quacks are numerous; perhaps the plights that medical men all over the land are making are well founded, yet let not our hearts be too sorely troubled. There still remains a trifle of balm in Gilead. The country practitioner, who is responsible for most of this outcry, has a source of income the existence of which has hitherto been unsuspected by the laymen. It is the proceeds of his "divvy" with the city surgeon of note.

The Philadelphia Medical Journal, in a recent issue, states that a young surgeon who has settled in a neighboring city and begun practice there complains bitterly of his treatment by the older surgeons. He says that he has indisputable evidence that his professional competitors pay liberal commissions to country and city physicians who bring their cases to them for operation. One of these, a man whose reputation is world-wide, and who is therefore able to charge enormous fees, allows as much as 50 per cent. to the physician who brings him the business, and the rate of another, whose professional standing is also high, is 20 per cent.

Country doctors who have no regular operator in the city often go about from surgeon to surgeon, finally deciding on the one whose bid is the highest, or who, in other words, allows the largest commission.

The young man who makes these complaints also reports a tendency toward "business methods" in the inter-medical men themselves. A young physician who was educated thoroughly at the expense of a neighboring state, and, after his medical education, got a hospital internship by a competitive examination, which, this plaintiff avers, bore unmistakable traces of "log-rolling," upholds the commission business practiced by the surgeons and openly says that he will not send operation cases to surgeons who are not willing to divide their fees with him.

One surgeon of great ability, finding his office almost bare of consultation cases, simply for the reason that he cannot bring himself to encourage the methods mentioned, has begun to appeal to the public through the agency of the press, and is now publishing advertisements which give publicity to his discoveries and cures.

Possibly when the reputable members of the profession learn the true state of affairs, or when the public is made aware that it is in the hands of men who exploit its ill for their own sordid advantage, surgeons of integrity and of scientific and ethical honesty will be sought and will have work to do for a fair compensation.—N. Y. Press.

VEGETABLE MARRIAGES.

A Strange Hindoo Custom by Which
a Girl Sometimes Weds a
Tree or Plant.

In certain Hindoo regions a young woman cannot wed until after the marriage of her oldest sister. But the difficulty is avoided by the elder sister espousing at her will a tree or a plant, meeting in doing so the theories of metaphysics in the Brahmanic world. The inconvenience is not great in having for a brother-in-law a poplar or a fig tree, and one can always select a tree having a heart like the oak. Those who desire widowhood could choose a weeping willow, and those endowed with an unsocial character, the acacia.

In many places these symbolical unions do not much constrain those who contract them. They marry again, having first thrown into the fire the plant to which they had pledged their first vows. But in those regions which have not been affected by European influence such marriages have the value and importance of a solemn religious vow. Those who try to evade them are sure to have reason to repent of it. For the Brahmins watch with jealous care to see that the promise is rigidly kept, and they use means of coercion very efficacious against those who would be unfaithful.

In the mountainous districts around Delhi, the holy city, perjured women have often been thrown to the flames. At Nepal, where manners are more rude, the customs are less barbarous. The unfaithful are simply chained during several weeks in some underground place, or subjected to a severe fast.

On the contrary, those who remain constant to the vow to the honeysuckle are paid great honor. For it is that fragrant and beautiful plant which is nearly always chosen as spouse to the young Hindoo girls. In the springtime the appearance of the first flowers of the honeysuckle is the signal for a great feast and for imposing religious ceremonies, in which the greatest respect is shown these strangely married ones.—Cleveland Leader.

Betting to Win.

"Well, old chap, what do you think of the result?"

"Well, my boy, I'm satisfied. Had a cinch all the time. Made a year's salary."

"How did you manage that? I thought you were betting on—"

"Both? Certainly. Think I'm in politics for the benefit of the people? Not much. I bet \$6,000 to \$10,000 on Teddy and \$6,000 to \$10,000 on 'Secession' Van Wyck. Net—\$4,000.

"For whom did you vote?"

"Neither. When I saw I had a sure thing I didn't give a darn who was elected. If the chances to hedge hadn't come, of course, I'd have voted for the man I bet on first."—N. Y. Press.

As in Life, So in Death.

The Texas steer is a pretty tough proposition—when you meet him in a restaurant.—Chicago Daily News.

A cough is not like a fever. It does not have to run a certain course. Cure it quickly and effectively with One Minute Cough Cure, the best remedy for all ages and for the most severe cases. We recommend it because it's good. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

"Mamma," said a youngster yesterday at the Hobson parade was passing. "I've decided what I'll be when I grow up. I think I'll be a hero."

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REVENUE AND WAR TAXES.

St. Louis Falls Leader: It is unfair for anyone to assume that the extraordinary expenditures entailed by the war ceased the moment the protocol was signed. Every day since then we have been paying bills incurred during the war. The treasury is repaying the various states for expenditures made by them in the mobilization of troops, our army is still large and under pay, and the extraordinary expenditures of the war are almost as large as when actual hostilities were on. This expense will keep up for many months yet. It is the plan to greatly enlarge the navy, and this will require large expenditures. It is also proposed to keep the army at 100,000 or thereabouts, and this will mean an increase in fixed expenditure. The work of occupying and putting into order the new territory acquired by the United States will also call for much money for some months to come. Fortifications must be built, harbors must be improved and naval stations established. In the end the people of the new territories will and properly should pay these additional expenditures along with what is required for civil administration. But Uncle Sam must advance it.

Thus it is clear that it will not be possible to repeal the war taxes at the coming session of Congress, nor is it true that the retention of these taxes is any indication of disappointing results from the Dingley law. The situation has changed since that law was passed, and reasonable men will see that more money will be required to meet it. It will not be found to be the case, either, that the people will complain. The burdens of the war taxes are evenly distributed and they fall so lightly upon each individual that no complaints are likely to be made.

Weekly Financial Review: The United States national banks holding Pacific railroad bonds, known as currency sixes, which become due January 1, 1899, and upon which their circulation and government deposits are based, should at once take other securities for re-investment, as the amount maturing (\$12,813,500), of which the banks hold largely, will cause a heavy demand for United States government bonds, and, with prices now strongly advancing for the best class, the need for action is imperative. The present condition of affairs has very encouraging features. This country is the world's creditor, and the large balances to be paid in must be invested here, giving strong support to the bond market. Universal confidence in increasing prosperity is drawing vast sums from idle deposits into active and profitable channels of trade, which will give better employment for the banks' funds. The expansion of the country will call for enormous capital in new commercial enterprises, quickening the exchanges and broadening the possibilities of the banks, and, judging from the right settlement of every financial question thus far, the coming subject of currency reform and the future of the banking system will receive wise and liberal legislation.

Over 40,000 union soldiers were wounded in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and at the crossings of the North Arm river. Those who were taken to hospitals had to be moved in wagons and ambulances from 14 to 20 miles and so far as known no board of inquiry was ever appointed to determine whether every man had the attention he might have expected at home. But that was war.

Every day the reasons multiply for thinking that when the Cubans come to the time of voting as to the kind of stable government they want to set up, the great majority will vote for annexation to the United States. A vote of that kind will insure prosperity to the people of the island and in that event they will belong to a government that will insure them everlasting peace.

The rumor that Andrew Carnegie and William Jennings Bryan have formed an offensive and defensive alliance, if true, only goes to show how hollow are the pretensions of the calamity howlers of the Bryan type. Think of Carnegie as Bryan's armor bearer, lagging around after the chief of the "cross of gold and the crown of thorns."

London and New York are now the world's two greatest financial centers and security markets and its predicted by able financiers that it won't be long before the bonds and stocks of many foreign nations, including government issues, will be actively dealt in at the New York stock exchange, thereby making it a recognized world's market.

Senator Hale still insists he is opposed to the ratification of the peace treaty. His colleague, Senator Fry,

was one of the commission who aided in bringing Spain to time and the chances are that the people of Maine will support Fry and denounce Hale, if for no other reason than that nobody cares anything about Hale's opposition. It will not cut the least figure in the result.

The taxes in Porto Rico will be reduced 68 per cent below what they were last year under Spanish administration and the Porto Ricans as a result will feel still more like shouting for Uncle Sam.

The Iowa Democrats have abandoned the 16 to 1 feature of the free coinage of silver and state that 16 to 1 in the Chicago platform was only suggestive. Perhaps they intend to make it 2 to 1. The principle would be the same.

No sure thing ever petered out as completely as the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 unless it is "the sympathy between the price of silver and of wheat."

The United States bonds now in the market are 4s of 1897; 4s 1898 5s 1904 3s 1908-18 and continued 2s at 99 and 99½, at the option of the government.

With a Democratic row in Chicago and New York Dewey may be assured he will not soon be ordered away from the Philippines.

THIS IS ONE

Of the Most Remarkable True State-
ments on Record—It is Made
by an Indiana Man.

He has spent \$500 in patent medicines and doctor bills without being cured. One dollar's worth of Morrow's Kid-ne-olds did the work. Many Decatur people are interested in the case of Mr. Joseph Osborn, who lives at 925 Jackson street, Columbus, Ind. Listen to the repetition of his story and perhaps you will find you have had a similar experience. "For the past three years I have been afflicted with kidney complaint. My symptoms were as follows: fearful kidney backache, urinary disturbances and nervousness from which I was unable to sleep well at night, which produced a general broken down condition of my health. My condition was so serious that I would lose two weeks from work at a time. I grew so weak that I felt unable to perform my daily work. I have taken several kinds of KIDNEY PILLS and all the various kinds of kidney remedies. I ever heard of or read about without being benefited in the least. I have been treated by doctors in this city and by specialists for kidney and bladder troubles without getting any relief. A short time ago I read about Morrow's Kid-ne-olds and my wife advised me to give them a trial. I got a sample package and used them, being greatly relieved in three days' time. Up to date I have taken less than a dollar's worth of Kid-ne-olds and I consider myself cured. During the continuation of my illness I have spent fully \$500 in medicine and doctor bills which amounted to nothing. This makes quite a striking comparison which is worth your time and consideration. My wife declares that I am like a new man since my cure; that I am more pleasant and agreeable and not so nervous and irritable. You may also understand that our hearts are filled with thankfulness to be relieved from this great burden which made our home miserable and unhappy."

To confirm the statement of Mr. Osborn we want you to write to him about Morrow's Kid-ne-olds, enclosing stamp. He is a grateful man and will be glad to tell you how much he was benefited by their use. Do not confound Morrow's Kid-ne-olds with any kind of kidney pills; they are not pills at all but yellow tablets and are put up in wooden boxes which sell for 50 cents and are never sold in bulk. Morrow's Liverlax will cure constipation and sells at 25 cents a box. Both of these remedies are for sale by all first class druggists and at Armstrong Bros. drug store, or will be mailed on receipt of price by the manufacturers, John Morrow & Co., Chemists, Springfield, Ohio.

When we ask advice we want approbation.

One of the first things some women will ask when they get to heaven is the propriety of recognizing Mary Magdalene on the golden streets.

No Humbug.

Foley's Honey and Tar does not claim to perform miracles. It does not claim to cure all cases of consumption or asthma, but it does claim to give comfort and relief in advanced stages of those diseases and to usually cure early stages. It is certainly worth trying by those afflicted or threatened with these dread diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

God's providence is on the side of clear heads.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

It is a friendly heart that has plenty of friends.

For Kidney Troubles

there is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure, everyone who tries it will agree to this. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone W. H. Hubbard.

Tricks and treachery are the practice of fools who have not enough wit to be honest.

Lost.

Many have lost confidence and hope as well as health, because they have been told their kidney disease was incurable. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy for the discouraged and disconsolate. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Human life is governed more by fortune than by reason.

What is commonly known as heart disease is frequently an aggravated form of Dyspepsia. Like all other diseases resulting from indigestion, it is cured by Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

The cure will not be advised unless you are sure.



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Want a Handsome New Slipper or Shoe?
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Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-dtf

Best line of pictures in the city. Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22-d1w

Fine candies at Glessner's, 148 East Prairie.

Do you want plastering done? If so telephone 1463, old 'phone. Decatur and Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—d1w

Pictures and Frames 15 cents and up. Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22-d1w

There was sleighing on Christmas in Decatur—Sunday and Monday, too—but the cutters are now back in the sheds.

Accidents come with distressing frequency on the farm. Cuts, bruises, stings, sprains. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil relieves the pain instantly. Never safe without it. Sold by all druggists.

The people admire and praise the Chickering and Packard pianos, sold at the C. B. Prescott music house, because they are model instruments. See them and you will buy.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

Kollar and the "Bride Elect" are among the early attractions at the Grand.

Half the ills that man is heir to come from indigestion. Burdock Blood Bitters strengthens and tones the stomach; makes indigestion impossible. Sold by all druggists.

A Chance to Visit Your Friends.
Holiday excursions via the P. D. and E. Ry. at cheap rates. Your ticket agent will tell you all about it. See him and get particulars.—2-3d

For Sale.
The stock and fixtures of the Bee Hive Grocery Store, situated at 601 North Water street. For further particulars call on or address Wm. A. Holman, assignee, 104 East Prairie Ave., Decatur, Ill.

Was Pleased.
Dr. Davenport, the electric belt man who was arrested because he was wanted at Vandalia for skipping a board bill, has been released from the county jail. The Vandalia officers were notified of the arrest, but failed to come after the man, so he was no longer held.

Truckee's Arnica Salve.
The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Bore, Fetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

BASKET BALL GAME.
Played Monday Afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. Was a Good One.
The game of basket ball played Monday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium was the best that has taken place in the city this season. The regular association team played against a scrub picked team. The regular team won but the picked team did good work after they got started and made an excellent fight. The game was called at 3 o'clock. There were two 20 minute halves with an intermission of 10 minutes. Quite a number of spectators witnessed the game. General Secretary Patterson and Hal Hotelling, the physical instructor, took part in the game playing on the picked team.

At the end of the first half the game stood 11 to 5 in favor of the regular team and at the end of the game the regulars had made 15 and the picked team 11 points. The teams were quite evenly matched and both sides played as hard as they could. Considering the small amount of practice that the picked team has had they did wonderfully good work. The lineup of the two teams was as follows:

Y. M. C. A.—White, left forward; Lanham, right forward; Williams, center; Johnson, left guard; Barr, right guard.

Picked Team—Patterson, left forward; Spies, right forward; Pitner, center; Hotelling, left guard; Pennington, right guard.

Referee—Homer Erwin.
Umpire—J. H. Latham.
Timekeeper—Dick Ellis.

What Do the Children Drink?
Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GMAIN? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more GMAIN you give the children the more health you distribute through their system. GMAIN is made of pure grains and when properly prepared tastes like the much. All grocers sell it. 10c and 25c.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
The two Santa Claus, which visited the Baptist church last evening enter-

CHRISTMAS JOY

And Generous Treats for
Children at Churches

HAPPY TIME MONDAY EVENING

After the Home Treats the Young
People Met at the Sunday

Schools—Fine Music, Decorations and Illuminations.

The Christmas entertainment at the First M. E. church was a departure from the usual Christmas exercises of songs, recitations and dialogue. The "Bird's Christmas Carol" was given.

The story was illustrated in a novel manner. At the front of the room a large frame work resembling the covers of a book was arranged. The church was darkened and the light thrown on the figures that posed within the covers in illustration of the story by a headlight from a locomotive.

Miss Maude Martin told the story and as she told of the different characters and the part they played in the story the cover of the book was opened and the "Choir Boys," "Mrs. Ruggles," "The Ruggleses," "Uncle Jack," "Carol Bird," "Mrs. Bird and Baby Carol," were shown in turn.

The seats in the front of the church were reserved for the children of the Sunday school and at the appointed time they marched in, the different classes in charge of their respective teachers, and took their places. The little tots wriggled in delighted expectancy, the elders endeavoring to keep them quiet, finally giving up in remembrance of the nervous joy of the excitement that preceded similar scenes in their own youth. The story was at last begun and the little ones showed their pleasure in the illustrations and the story by half suppressed giggles and excited whispers. The church was crowded, the seats being taken and many standing.

Those taking a part in the illustrations were as follows:
The choir boys—Joe Stout, Willie Grout, Roy Johnson, James Howenstein, Orville Dunham, Milton Johnson, Jr., was choir master.

Mrs. Ruggles—Mrs. Nellie Hubbard.
Mrs. Bird and Baby Carol—Mrs. S. M. Lutz and Baby Lutz.
Carol Bird—Lelah Patterson.

Uncle Jack—Milton Johnson, Jr.
The Ruggleses in the Rear—Nina Imboden, Eleanor Armstrong, Hubert and Lelah Randle, Corinne Leach, Roy Holser, Everett Anor, Jany Fly.

At the close of the story bags of candy and fruit were distributed among the children. An especially pleasing feature of the entertainment was the song "My Ain Country," by Joe Stout.

The Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church held the Christmas entertainment on Monday afternoon, giving the following program:

Selections—Sunday School Orchestra, led by Professor Westhoff.
Recitation, "Santa Claus on the Train"—Gertrude Mills.
Piano Solo—Dee Akers.
Recitation, "Santa's Secret"—Edith White.

Vocal Solo—Judith Mills, Mrs. A. H. Mills piano accompanist, Helen Mills violin.

Recitation, "Message from Santa"—Sylvia Dickinson.
Selection—Sunday School Orchestra.
Recitation, "He Comes in the Night"—Helen Donbrake.

Piano Solo—Halle Reema.
Vocal Solo, "Dreary Grows the Winter"—La Rue Sarkis.

Recitation, "Two Little Stockings"—Lucile Tuttle.
Violin Solo—Helen Mills.

Selection—Sunday School Orchestra.
Talk to the Little folks and distribution of candy—Santa Claus.

All children who are to participate in the cantata are requested to meet at the church Wednesday at 2 p. m. for rehearsal.

GERMAN M. E.
The cantata "The Ten Virgins," was presented at the German M. E. church last evening in addition to a program of songs, recitations and music. The platform decorations which consisted of a house containing Christmas tree was destroyed by fire. No damage was done to the church except a small injury to the carpet of the pulpit. The fire was stamped out without any great excitement. The names of those who participated in the program follow: Lydia Burke, John Kusch, Pearl Ammann, Ben Korts and Walter Schultz, Miss Clara Neidermeyer, Miss Lydia Witzeman, Karl Witzeman and A. Hartman, Miss Hattie Ammann, Carlton Mattes and J. Wilhelm.

A cantata, "The Ten Virgins," was given by Misses Mary Mattes, Lydia Brockman, Amelia Burk, Mary Burk, Barbara Bitzer, Clara Neidermeyer, Ada Neidermeyer, Mayme Mark, Lydia Witzeman, Mrs. A. Hartman, Harry Rodenburg and A. Hartman. Mrs. J. P. Mattes officiated at the organ.

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE.
A fishing pond out of which Santa fished gifts for everyone in the house entertained the children at the Christian tabernacle last evening. There was also a program of songs and recitations.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
The two Santa Claus, which visited the Baptist church last evening enter-

tained the children and their elders in a novel manner. There was a counterfeit Santa and a genuine old Saint. The counterfeit Santa was a traveling salesman for the firm of Cheatein & Blow. He impersonated the real Santa and got ahead of him at Christmas, filling the stockings of the little ones with the goods of Cheatein & Blow, duly advertised and of an inferior grade. When the real Santa appeared on the scene the mistakes were corrected and everything ended happily. The genuine one was represented by Mr. Stanley and the counterfeit one by J. L. Deck.

Solos were given by Misses Alice Drobisch, Amy Hovey, Alice Mead, Mr. George Owens and both Santas. The church and tree were decorated in Christmas greens and colored lights under the direction of Messrs. Harry Barber and Landis. Misses Sophie Drobisch and Ardie Wood were in charge of the music. Mrs. Harry Barber was chairman of the general committee on arrangements.

The cantata, "The Capture of Santa Claus," will be given at East Park chapel this evening, bringing to a close the round of Christmas entertainments in the different churches of the city.

"SANTA IN A FLIGHT."
The Christmas cantata, "Santa Claus in a Flight," which was presented at the College street chapel on Monday evening was largely attended.

Mrs. M. D. Pollock and Miss Ethel Gordon had charge of the program. Little Nellie Wright was the Queen of Fairies and Raymond Collier the King of the Brownies. Together with their train of attendants, composed of 10 fairies and seven brownies, they assisted Santa Claus in making a happy Christmas for a poor little girl who was represented by Maggie Mathias. A treat for the children followed the program.

COLUMBIA.
Columbia expands, the patriot's delight. When her flag unfurls, in defense of the right.

How grandly it floats o'er the Isle of the Sea, O'er Cuba's fair land and the Philippines, free.

One flag, one country, for the blue and gray, Makes monarchists tremble, and fall by the way; Emblem of liberty, the red, white and blue, Enlightening the world, and her foes will subdue.

Home of the patriot, blessed land of the free, Though onward we move, to the isles of the sea; While liberty's bright light, illumines her home, 'Tis guiding the mariner, wh'er he roams.

Thy armies wage war, for the cause of the right, Thy navy conquers by the strength of her might; Columbia, fair isle, to the Pilgrims was given, Birthplace of liberty, the loved child of heaven.

—J. H. Montgomery.

Asbury S. S. Officers.
The Sunday school of Asbury chapel will be under the direction of the following officers during the coming year:

Superintendent—S. L. Hill.
Assistant Superintendent—J. O. Johnson.
Treasurer—D. M. Smith.
Organist—Miss Pauline Weckerman.
Assistant Organist—Miss Blanche Smith.

Secretary—J. D. Cline.
Assistant Secretary—Miss Stella Reynolds.

Librarian—Frank DeGroat.
Assistant Librarian—Frank Mills.

Church Officers.
Officers to serve for the coming year in the Edward Street Christian church were elected as follows:

Elders—P. W. Humphrey and Harvey Bano.
Deacons—H. Brubaker, E. L. Hale, C. Millon, W. Richardson, H. M. White, Samuel Funk, L. M. Lord, C. C. Walters, W. L. Pierce, E. Ribelin, J. W. Fletcher and J. M. Kirkbride.

Clerk—W. L. Pierce.
F. S.—C. C. Walters.
Treasurer—F. W. Humphrey.

School House Burned.
Charleston sustained a heavy fire last Sunday night when the Central school building was destroyed by fire. It was a four-story brick structure, costing \$40,000. Only a small insurance was carried and nothing was saved of the furniture, library or apparatus. A defective flue in the laboratory is supposed to have been the origin of the fire.

Distilling Plant.
The Decatur Brewing company will put in a distilling plant some time within the next month. The machinery will be for distilling the water used in making soda, ginger ale and other soft drinks.

Arm Was Broken.
Charlie, the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Buchert, living at 713 North Daubman street, while playing Monday, fell and fractured his left arm. Dr. Wilhelm was called and reduced the fracture.

Shooting Match.
George Rupert gave a shooting match west of the St. Louis bridge on Monday afternoon. There was a good attendance and some excellent scores were made. The best shooting was done by Bob Humble, George Rupert and George Post.

The winds and waves are always on the side of ablest navigators.

Gave a Dinner.
D. F. Wallace, who recently retired from the position of car repairer for the Illinois Central at Decatur, will leave Wednesday for Arkansas to engage in farming. On Christmas day Mr. Wallace entertained a number of his friends at dinner at his home, 513 East Condit street.

Holiday Rates.
The Indiana, Decatur and Western railway will sell tickets between all stations and to all points in Central Passenger Association territory on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31, and January 1 and 2, at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning including January 3, 1894. For time of trains, rates, tickets and full information call on any I. D. and W. ticket agent or address John S. Lazarus, General Passenger Agent.—10-d1w

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EDWARD DROHN ARRESTED

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Store—Della Gates Is Also Implicated in the Theft.

Edward Drohn is in prison charged with having stolen about \$50 worth of dry goods from the store of Meeker and Maloney, at the old stand of the Stewart Dry Goods Co. on North Water street. The stolen goods have been recovered and Della Gates is also in jail charged with being implicated in the robbery.

Several weeks ago the firm missed two bolts of fine English serge which had been purchased from the wholesale house with some other goods. It was supposed they were lost in transit and the firm had written to the wholesale house about the missing goods.

On Monday the police learned that Drohn had been giving away dress goods to some of his woman friends and an investigation proved that the goods were the ones missing from the store. Officers Somerville and Imboden arrested Drohn and when questioned at police headquarters he said that he went to the back of the store and took a box for kindling wood. He found the goods in the box and thought he would keep them for a while. All of the goods were recovered and were identified by the owners.

Officer Cross was sent to see Della Gates, who lives on Merchant street. When she learned that Drohn had confessed to having taken the stuff she produced the goods which had been hidden in her rooms. The Gates woman was also put in jail. Warrants will be sworn out against both Drohn and the woman.

JOHNSON AT KEY WEST.
He Writes of His Experience in the Regular Army Artillery.

Frank Johnson has received a letter from his brother, Oscar Johnson, who is with one of the artillery batteries of the regular army stationed at Key West, Florida. Oscar writes that he had to work very hard but that he was in good health. The soldiers are not held in much respect by the people because a Texas regiment which was formerly stationed there made themselves disagreeable. Oscar tells of a big fort which the government is building at Key West and says that a large force of men are at work on it and that it will be a splendid fortification when it is finished. He says the battery of which he is a member expects to be sent to the Philippine Islands and that is just what he wants.

The men are required to go to school one hour each day and are put through all kinds of drills, and Oscar states that there is a good deal to be learned. He says that recently the soldiers marched with the school children to the cemetery and planted flowers on the graves of the victims of the Maine. Oscar thinks he will like the army life after a while, but that he tried every way to unfit himself for the place. He was required to take another examination recently and tried to get thrown out on account of having a weak heart, but he says that the bluff didn't work.

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